

I Joshua Adanield of Harpersfield in the
County State of Ohio depose and say I was
seventeen ^{two} years of age last December that I first
became acquainted with Lodowick Brakeman
and his family from my earliest recollections
It is ^{my} impression that Lodowick Brakeman served
his country from the first commencement of
hostilities on the frontier in the precincts of Canne
Soharrie up to the month of August 1777 at this
time he was Captain if not private and commanded
a company of Rangers under Col John Harper
against British Indians and Tories I took shelter
in the middle fort at Sohoharrie in May 1778
Lodowick Brakeman and his wife Eve Brakeman
together with their children Catharine Jacob
John Wilhelmiana Brakeman were then in the
fort with me I left the fort in June following
Capt Lodowick ^{Brakeman} was then in the service I did not
return to the fort again until the 28th of January
1780 further this deponent swears that
Attest A Glycer Joshua Adanield his mark

State of Ohio Lake County 883

The above subscribed and sworn to before
me this 26th day of February A.D. 1841 I hereby certify
that I ^{am} acquainted with the above named Joshua
Adanield and that his statements are entitled
to full faith and credit

A Glycer Justice of the Peace



was in his possession would soon find a fair year run,
since which he has not seen it, nor can he find it
although he has searched repeatedly for it all probable
places to find it. He believes it has been destroyed by one
of his children - He has no recollection of ever seeing any
discharge. That in 1816 the said Henry moved to Setloy
of said and that said Eva Brakeman then Mother after
the death of their said Father resided with said Henry until
the twenty seventh day of April 1834 when she died
at the house of said Henry in said Setloy aged according
to her own account, one hundred and one years and that
she remained the widow of said Sedwick up to the time
of her death -

John Brakeman

Henry Brakeman

Sworn to and subscribed
in Open Court this 15th day
of July 1841 Before me -

John W. Norton Clerk

April 1773 afterwards married to Frederick Spawne
who when last heard from was residing in Upsilanti
Washtenaw County Michigan. It is more than a year
since they have been heard from. Tunis Brakeman
born about the month of October 1778 who ran away from
Hampshire & Otsego County more than four years past
and has not been since heard of or from. Magdalen
born October 3, 1781 married to Robert Chursbach, and
who is supposed to be living in some part of the State of
Michigan but they can not state when. It is more than
a year since she has been heard from. Hannah born
November 20, 1783 married to James Crandall and since
deceased. Henry Brakeman born July 27, 1785 now
residing in Shelby Lake County Ohio aforesaid and
Peter Brakeman born December 30, 1787 who is since dead.

That the said Soderick Brakeman left his last will
and testament the original of which now in the possession
of said Henry Brakeman is hereto attached as evidence of
the marriage of said Soderick & Eve, and of their several
children as aforesaid. That there is no family Bible containing
any family record that in 1796 the said Eve procured
a School teacher by the name of William Murray of Oneida
Otsego County New York to draw and make a family
record which was made by her dictation at the time. That
a part of the same showing the births of the four youngest
children is now in possession of said Henry and is herewith
attached. That the other children from time to time cut out
the part containing their birth and at the decease of said
Eve the part now sent was all that was left of it. Both
these declarants have seen the same when it was written, and
know that the said Eve carefully kept the remainder of
it during her life. That after the death of said Soderick
his papers all came into the hands of the said Henry Brakeman
who was executor of his last will and testament. That among
the papers the said Henry remembers well there was a
Captains Commission to his father the said Soderick Brakeman, which

Sodowick Brakeman - In the month of April
1778 then father the said Sodowick Brakeman moved
into the middle fort in Schoharie in the County of
Schoharie and State of New York with his family, and
the family remained in the fort until February 1780
during all which time said Sodowick was in the Service
of the United States as such Captain. That the said John
Brakeman has now a distinct recollection of moving into
living in the fort and of his father the said Sodowick
being engaged in the Service of the United States.

That the said Sodowick then moved with his family
from Schoharie to what was then called Senecaburgh
on the Hudson River about twenty eight miles below
Albany, now known as Athens in the County of Genesee
and State of New York when he resided until after
the war was ended and peace declared. That while
residing at Senecaburgh he was out several times for some
months at a time as a Substitute in the Militia Claps
so called but they have not the memory of stating the particulars
of such Service. That the ^{said} Sodowick and his wife
together with ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~subscribers~~ ^{the} ~~wife~~ ^{wife} ~~and~~ ^{and} the County Decemth day
of May 1813 when the said Sodowick died in the
Township of Worcester County of Otsego and State of New
York leaving the said Eve Brakeman his widow -
that the said Sodowick & Eve Brakeman had the
children following to wit: - Jacob born about the second
Sun. 1781 who is since deceased. Catharine born about
the year 1783 also since deceased. John born October 19.
1784 now residing in Wasperville Adirondack County of said
New York born about the month of April 1770 &
afterwards married to Adam Rogadone. Whom last heard
from she was residing in Delaware County New York
in the Township of Saucyport. It is almost four years
since she has been heard from. Christopher born about
the month of October 1772 who died at Cleveland Ohio
during the last war. - Elizabeth born about the month

The State of Ohio

Lake County for } On this fifteenth day of July A.D.

1841 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of said County in open Court John Brakeman aged twenty three years last October a resident of Wapsworth in the County of Ashland and State aforesaid, and Henry Brakeman a resident of the Township of Liberty in said County of Lake aged fifty four the twenty seventh of July last who being duly sworn according to law do in their oaths make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4, 1836 - to wit. That they the said John Brakeman and Gen Brakeman his wife that the said Sedwick was married to the said Gen when maiden name was Gen Beckin in the year 1759 as they believe in Wayne County New Jersey but they are unable to state by whom they were married.

That the said Sedwick Brakeman in 1773 entered the Service of the United States in a Company of militia Rangers in the then precinct of Canajoharie, County of Tryon and State of New York and which is now in the County of Montgomery in July 1775 under Col. John Hays as they believe but they can state no other officers. That he served as such private until the 2^d of December 1776 when the said Sedwick was chosen Captain of a Company of militia Rangers in the Regiment commanded by the said Col. John Hays, and served as such Captain until February 1780. That the paper hereto annexed ~~has been~~ marked A. has been in the possession of the family of said Sedwick up to the time of his decease and since his decease in the possession of Henry Brakeman aforesaid who was the executor of said Sedwick and the same has always been reputed to be a true list of the officers and men composing the Company of said

Pension Application for Lodowick Brakeman

R.1148 (Widow: Eve)

The State of Ohio

Lake County SS.

On this fifteenth day of July AD 1841 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of said County in open court John Brakeman aged seventy three years last October a resident of Harpersfield in the County of Ashtabula and state aforesaid and Henry Brakeman a resident of the Township of [Ashley?] in said County of Lake aged fifty five the twenty seventh of July last who being first duly sworn according to law does on their oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836, to wit. That they the said John and Henry are the children of Capt. Lodowick Brakeman and Eve Brakeman his wife, that the said Lodowick was married to the said Eve whose maiden name was Eve Becker in the year 1759? As they believe in Bergen County New Jersey but they are unable to state by whom they were married.

That the said Lodowick Brakeman in 1773? Entered the service of the United States in a company of militia Rangers in the then precinct of Canajoharie County of Tryon and State of New York and which is now in the County of Montgomery in July 1773 under Col. John Harper as they believe but they can state no other officers. That he served as such private until the 2d of December 1776 when the said Loadowick was chosen Captain of a company of Militia Rangers in the Regiment commanded by the said Col. John Harper and served as such Captain until February 1780.

That the paper hereto annexed marked A has been in the possession of the family of said Lodowick up to the time of his decease and since his in the possession of Henry Brakeman aforesaid who was the executor of said Lodowick and the same has always been reported to be a true list of the officers and men composing the company of said Lodowick Brakeman.

In the month of April 1778 their father the said Lodowick Brakeman served into the middle fort in Schoharie in the County of Schoharie and State of New York and his family and the family remained in the fort until February 1780 during all which time said Lodowick was in the service of the United States as such Captain. That the said John Brakeman has now a distant recollection of moving into & living in the fort and of his Father the said Lodowick being engaged in the service of the United States.

That the said Lodowick then moved with his family from Schoharie to what was then called Seinsburgh? On the Hudson River about twenty eight miles below Albany now known as Athens in the County of Greene and State of New York where he resided until after the war was ended and peace declares.

That while residing at [?] he was out several times for some months at a time as a substitute in the Militia classes so called but they have not the names of stating the particulars of such service.

That the said Lodowick and Eve lived together as husband and wife until the twenty second day of May 1813 when the said Lodowick died in the Township of Worcester County of Otsego and State of New York leaving the said Eve Brakeman his widow, that the said Lodowick & Eve Brakeman had the children following to wit: Jacob born about the second Dec 1761 who is since deceased, Catharine born about the year 1763 also said deceased, John born October 19, 1767 now residing in Harpersfield Ashtabula County aforesaid, Wilhelmina born about the month of April 1770 & afterwards married to Adam Hogadone. When last heard from she was residing in Delaware County New York in the township of Davenport. It is almost five years since she has been heard from. Christopher born about the month of October 1772, who died at Clinton Ohio during the last war. Elizabeth born about the month of April 1775 afterwards married to Frederick Spawn who when last heard from was residing in Ypsilanti Washtanaw County Michigan. It more than a year since they have been heard from. Tunis Brakeman born about the month of October 1778 who ran away from Harpersfield Ashtabula County more than four years past and has not been since heard from. Magdaline born October 3, 1781 married to Robert Chueshout and who is supposed to be living in some part of the State of Michigan but they can not state

when. It is more than a year since she has been heard from. Hannah born November [?] 1783 married to Tanner Crandall and since deceased. Henry Brakeman born July 27, 1785 now residing in Selloy? Lake County Ohio aforesaid and Lester Brakeman born December 30, 1787 who is since dead.

That the said Lodowick Brakeman left his last will and testament the original of which were in the possession of said Henry Brakeman is hereto attached as the evidence of the marriage of said Lodowick & Eve and of their several Children as aforesaid.

That there is no family Bible containing any family record that in 1796 the said Eve procured a School Teacher by the name of William Murray of Worcester Otsego County New York to draw and make a family record which was made by her dictation at the time.

That a part of the same showing the births of the four youngest children is now in possession of said Henry and is herewith entered that the older children from time to time cut out the part containing their birth and at the decease of said Eve the part now said was all that was left of it. Both these declarants have since the same where it was [?] and known that the said Eve carefully kept the remainder of it during her life.

That after the death of said Lodowick his papers all came into the hands of the said Henry Brakeman who was exc. Of his last will and testament.

That among the papers the said Henry remembers well there was a commission to his father the said Lodowick Brakeman which was in his possession until some four or five years since, since which he has not seen it nor can he find it although he has searched repeatedly for it all probable plans to find it. He believes it has been destroyed by one of his children.

He has no recollection of ever seeing any discharge.

That in 1816 said Henry moved to Selloy aforesaid and that said Eve Brakeman their mother after the decease of their said father resided with said Henry until the twenty seventh day of April 1834 when she died at the home of said Henry in said Selloy aged according to her own account, one hundred and one years and that she remained the widow of said Lodowick up to the time of her demise.

(Signed) John Brakeman, Henry Brakeman.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 15th day of July 1841 before me. John Howden, Clerk.

In the name of God a man I Lodowick Brakeman of the Town of Wocester the County of Otsego and State of New York considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being a sound and perfect mind and memory blessed by almiely [almighty] god for the same do make and publish this my last will and and [sic] testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

First I give and be queath to my beloved wife Eve Brakeman the res [rest] of all my household [household] furnished and two cows and some sheep and and [sic] also the use of one third part of all my real estate so long as she remaining my widdo [widow] and furthermore that she shall yearly and every year be supplied out of my estate with one fat hog in manner hereinafter nentioned [mentioned]

Secodly [Secondly] I do also give and bequeath to my eldest son Jacob Brakeman twenty dollars in money to be paid here as herein after mentioned,

Also I do give and bequeath to my eldest [eldest] daughter that Anne Strain the wief [wife] of James Strain [?] dollars to be paid as Is here in after nentioned. [mentioned]

Also I do gave and give and be queath to my second son John Brakeman twenty dollars as is here in after mentioned.

Also I give and be queath to my second Daughter Wilhelmina Hogadone the wife of Adam Hogadone twenty dollars in money as is here in after mentioned.

Also I give and be queath to my third son Christopher Brakeman twenty dollars to be paid as is here in after mentioned.

Allso [sic] I give and be queath to my third daughter Elisabeth Shawn twenty dollars to be paid as is here in after mentioned.

Also I give and bequeath to my fourth daughter Madalene Cherheshout the wife of Robert Cherheshout [?] dollars to be paid as is here in after mentioned.

Also I give and bequeath unto my fourth son James Brakeman one dollar to be paid as is here in after mentioned. Also I give and bequeath unto my fourth daughter Hannah Crandell the wife of [?] Crandel twenty dollars in money to be paid as is here in after mentioned.

Also I give and bequeath unto my six son Peter Brakeman one dollar to be paid as is here in after mentioned.

Further nore [more] I give to Lodowick Brakeman the son of John Brakeman and Lodowich Brakeman the son of Jacob Brakeman one hundred acres of land in the tract called the New Coneticut purchase to hold the same for ever and to be equally divided between them both.

Further more I give to my granddaughter Lucrey Brakeman the daughter of Tunis Brakeman thirty dollars in money to be paid to her when she [?] to the age of eighteen but if it should so happen that she should die [die] before that time their the money to remain in the hands of Henry Brakeman.

I further give and bequeath to my fifth son Henry Brakeman all my personal estate that here to fore is disposed of including cattle horses, sheep hogs and all my farming utensils and the property here to given to to given [sic] by me to my wife after she may have deceased.

I further give and devise to my fifth son Henry Brakeman and to his heirs and assigns or tenements situate lying and being in the town of Harpersfield in the county of Delaware [Delaware] in the Town of Worcester in the County of Otsego both in the state [state] of New York together with all my free hold estate whatever to him and his heirs one assigns forever.

Also I will and ordain that the several legacies below mentioned of twenty follow. Each shall be paid to the respective legatees within one year after my decease.

And lastly as to the best of my personal property or estate goods and chattels of what kind or value to ever not mentioned I give and bequeath to my son the a fore said Henry Brakeman to him and his heirs [heirs] and assigns forever. And I have by appoint Benjn Foster of the town of Harpersfield in the County of Delaware and Henry Brakeman of the town of Worcester County of Otsego Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred Seven.

Signed sealed published and declares by the a bove named Lodowich Brakeman to be his last will and testament in presence of us who have hererent scribed [sic] our names as witness in the presence of the testator. (Signed) Lodowich Brake, Philip Becker, (his mark) Lodowick Becker

Magdalen Brakeman was born the 3rd of October in the year of our Lord 1781.

Henry Brakeman was born the 27th of July in the year of our Lord 1785.

Hannah Brakeman was born the 28th of November in the year of our Lord 1783.

Peter Brakeman was born the 2d of December in the year of our Lord 1787.